| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tamil Nadu | 29 | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| Tripura | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Uttaranchal | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 121 | 47 | 113 | 42 |
| West Bengal | 18 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| TOTAL : | 779 | 124 | 698 | 133 |

**ILO convention on fisheries and fisheries workers**

*231. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ratified the ILO convention on fisheries and fisheries workers; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The International Labour Conference of the ILO has only recently adopted the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 at its 96th Session held in Geneva in June, 2007. India voted in favour of the adoption. However, the certified copy of the adopted Convention has not yet been circulated to us by the Director General, ILO. Ratification of an ILO Convention is a voluntary process. In India, we ratify an ILO Convention only when the national laws and legislations are brought fully into conformity with the provisions of the Convention in question. A decision in respect of ratification is taken after due consultation with all stakeholders. This consultation process will start after ILO sends across the certified copy of the Convention.

**Persons killed by terrorists in Assam**

*232. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of persons were killed by terrorists in Assam recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons killed by terrorists in Assam during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the lives of innocent people in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) In the latest acts of violence in Assam 30 persons were between 8-12 August, 2007 in Karbi Anglong District. According to information received from the State Government it is suspected that members of ULFA and the Karbi Longri North Cachar Hills Liberation Front (KLNCHLF) have perpetrated these killings.

(c) The details of the number of persons killed by terrorists in Assam during the last three years are given in the table below:—

| Year | No. of Civilians Killed | Security Forces personnel killed |
|---|---|---|
| 2005 | 173 | 07 |
| 2006 | 164 | 32 |
| 2007 (up to 15.8.2007) | 219 | 15 |

(d) The Central Government has been maintaining close and continuous coordination with the, State Government and supplementing their efforts on a continuing basis with the aim of putting in place effective measures to control the activities of the various militant groups. The steps taken in this regard, *inter alia*, include deployment of Central Security Forces, including Army, to assist the State police, sharing of intelligence, provision of assistance to the State Government for strengthening and modernization of the local police, raising of India Reserve Battalions, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government, etc. The situation is being reviewed and monitored on a regular basis.

After the recent incidents in Karbi Anglong district, the Minister of State, Shri Sriprakash Jaiswal visited the State, including the site, alongwith High Level team comprising the Special Secretary (Internal Security), and, the Directors General of the CRPF and BSF for a detailed review of the situation with the State authorities. In the wake of these incidents the State Government and the Central Security Forces have intensified patrolling and counter insurgency operations in the area. Around 4000 persons living in isolated and remote areas have also been shifted to safer locations. With a view to strengthening the security arrangements in the area, apart from effective utilization of the Central Security Forces it has also been decided by the State Government to establish additional police stations and police outposts in the District.

**Modernisation in the Industrial Disputes Act**

*233. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are modernizing the Industrial Disputes Act to keep pace with our efforts to integrate and compete in the global economy; and

(b) if so, whether the areas like retrenchment, forcing employers to retain unproductive employees etc. be selectively dealt with, so that keeping in view our